

FROM THE WIDE WORLD.

Russia has issued a circular note to the powers concerning the Hague Peace Conference. The chief feature of it is the announcement that Russia, Germany and Austria reserve the right to abstain from the discussion of questions which in their opinion cannot lead to practical results.

Walter Wellman, in an interview, expresses great confidence in his ability to reach the Pole in a balloon. He thinks Commander Peary's fears in the matter unfounded. The start will be made in July.

A London paper prints a story on the highest authority to the effect that the Emperor of Russia proposes to abdicate within a month and that Grand Duke Michael will be appointed regent during the infancy of the Czar's son. It is said that the Czar has lost his mind to such an extent that he is unable to perform even the slightest duties of his office.

IN OUR OWN COUNTRY

The following figures, just completed, show the statistics of the American railroads for 1906:

Aggregate trackage of the United States, 315,000 miles.
Total locomotives, about 50,000.
Total cars, freight and passenger, about 2,000,000.
Total private cars, about 112,000.
Spent in rolling stock during the past eight years, approximately, \$2,500,000,000.
Total trackage under block system, 53,133 miles.
Net capitalization of railroads, \$12,628,000,000.
Capitalization per track mile, about \$40,000.
Number of stockholders, about 225,000.
Total revenue from passengers \$494,955,235.
Total revenue from freight, \$1,584,652,399.
Gross revenue, \$2,319,760,030.
Net earnings and income, \$904,431,568.
Average length of passenger's journey, 32.74 miles.
Average number of passengers per train, 53.
Number of employees, 1,460,778.
Paid employees, \$900,828,238.
Average daily earnings of employees, \$2.09.
Killed, Passengers, 418; employees, 3,507.
Injured, Passengers, 11,185; employees, 55,524.
Two hundred and seventy-nine operating companies went thru the year without killing a single passenger on their 119,462 miles of track, but they injured 2,533 during the year.

An important conference was held at the White House last week on the subject of trust proceedings, President Roosevelt and four members of the Cabinet taking part.

The Michigan Senate has passed a bill cutting railroad fares, but grading the amount of the cut according to the road's net earnings per mile.

It is stated that there has been formed an anti-Roosevelt alliance between Harriman, Hearst, the Rockefeller and all the Standard Oil magnates. Harriman is held up as the leader of what is called the greatest political plot within the present generation.

The long-standing dispute between the western railroads and their employees came to an end last Thursday. The men are to receive an advance in wages of 10 per cent. They give up demand for a nine hour day.

An estimate that the Panama Canal will be opened by 1915 was made by John F. Stevens, retiring engineer in charge of the work, on leaving the Isthmus.

One of the most important events of the week will be the dedication of the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh. The exercises will occupy three days, and statesmen, educators, and scientists of America and many foreign countries will take part in them.

The National Arbitration and Peace Congress is to be held in New York from April 14 to 17. Its purpose is to increase public interest in international settlement of difficulties. Andrew Carnegie is to preside and William Jennings Bryan is to be one of the speakers.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

Commonwealth's attorney, James P. Adams and Attorney B. R. Jones will go before the Kentucky Court of Appeals and ask that the case against Hargis, whose trial on a charge of murdering Dr. B. D. Cox has been set for Sandy Hook, Elliott county be remanded to Breathitt county for trial.

Conditions in Trigg and Caldwell counties are said to be bordering on anarchy as a result of the fight between tobacco growers who are mem-

JUST AS EASY AND MUCH MORE FUN.

There are all sorts of ways of having fun and enjoying oneself, but they most all belong to one of two kinds, the kind where you have fun by making other people feel bad, and the kind where you have fun in making others feel happy.

We all know the first kind of fun. Some one gets off "a good joke" on another, plays some trick or says something bright, either true or false, that makes the people laugh at him or hurt him in some other way. College students sometimes scare one of their members or duck him in the river or do something else to hurt him, and enjoy it very much. Other people let cattle into their neighbors' fields, or let their chickens scratch up their neighbors' gardens, or plague others in one way or another by "practical jokes," and for a time, it is great fun. Babies pull their mothers' hair, or hit them with a stick, and then laugh with delight. So this seems a natural way to have fun, by giving others pain. But do people have the most fun this way?

Some of us know of people who have their fun in the other way. They say nice things about others and cheer them up when they meet them. They surprise them with little pleasures of one sort or another. And whenever they have done something which makes some one else happier it makes them feel better. It's great fun making other people happy! Some of these people have tried both ways of having fun, the way that hurts others, and the way that helps others and they say the last way is just as easy as the first and much more fun. Have you ever tried how much fun you could get out of life by just being kind?

bers of the association and those who are not. A large number of plant beds have been destroyed.

The case of Bill Britton, charged together with Judge James Hargis, Elbert Hargis, Ed Gilkahan, Jesse Spicer, and Curt Jett with the murder of James Cockrill, town marshal of Jackson, in 1902, was called Tuesday in the Circuit Court at Lexington.

The City Council of Harrodsburg passed an ordinance imposing a fine of not less than sixty dollars, or imprisonment in the workhouse of from ten to sixty days, against any one bringing liquor into that city.

Students' Journal

Containing Breezy Notes of Coming Events and Past Trials and Triumphs of Berea Students

The Pi-U-D. Contest.

"When Greek meets Greek then comes the tug of war," and when Greek meets Roman the result is similar. Last Friday night, the Greeks, called "Pies" for short (with the double significance of 3.1416 plus, and that delicious indigestible,—to indicate that the members of the society were both good scientists and good cooks) and the Romans, known as the U. D.'s from the name they had chosen, which also has a certain "sweet" significance, (justified in this case at least by their "taking the cake")—the Greeks and the Romans met and then came the tug—we might almost say the ironclad—of war for it was no small affair.

The Upper Chapel was crowded, every seat was taken, most of them were taken twice and still some were left to stand thru the program. The purple and gold of the Assyrian—no, Roman cohorts, which had come down with a wolf on the fold, so to speak,—and the green and white banners and pennants of the Greek legions, would have made an inspiring battle scene had not the costumes and smiles of the fair ladies and brave men proved that it was just a grand tournament, and no mortal strife.

Professor Josephine Robinson was the presiding officer and well justified her selection. The exercises were opened by prayer, from Professor Raine, and then the orchestra played a pretty selection. The first contest was in orations. Mary Pickering gave the first in behalf of Pi Epsilon Pi on the theme: "One with God is a majority." It was well given and received with enthusiasm. Bess Hays followed with an oration on "Child Labor" to represent the U. D. Duice. "This was the noblest Roman of them all" for she saved the day for her side. The essay contest followed. Lillian Tuthill read her essay entitled "Thoughts on a Familiar Question" in behalf of the Romans, the quotation naturally being one attributed to Cæsar—"Better be first in a little Iberian village than be second in Rome." But she was doomed to be second in Rome, nevertheless, for in this little I-B-village Edith Rury with her essay on "The Rights of Children" was given first place for the Pies by a small margin.

Finally came the "Readings." Harriet Eyles, the third representative of the Greeks, gave a selection from Ralph Connor's "Black Rock" entitled "How Old Man Nelson Came Home." This was followed by "The Honor of the Woods" which Joy Hillis recited.

Both selections were stirring and well delivered and the final result of the judges' marks left them even in the contest. There was enough to the credit of U. D. Duices from the oration, however, to give them the victory by a narrow margin, the points being 177 to 175. An orchestra piece and a vocal solo from Miss Arbelly were very much appreciated by the audience while the points were being added. Both societies and all the contestants are to be congratulated on the success of the evening.

The Mountain Congress.

According to present plans, "Governor Lewis" of the "Mountain State" will summon the legislature of that state to meet for business on Monday night, April 29, for a session of two nights. The "Mountain State" is composed of the thirty-five mountain counties of Kentucky and the adjoining mountain counties in Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. The representatives are all to be appointed two for each county from the mountain students in attendance at the College. Many are already elected.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

In an interview granted to a Students' Journal reporter, the governor gave the following as some of the principal recommendations which he would make in his message to the legislature:

Education.

A revision of the present trustee system, changing from the district to county board system.

Action requiring each county to levy a tax which shall be equal to one-third of the amount received from the state before receiving the full state fund.

Agriculture.

The introduction of elementary agriculture into the course of study for the public schools.

The establishment of two industrial schools to give instruction in elementary agriculture, mechanics, mining and forestry suited to the needs of the public school graduate, and serving as preparatory school for the state A. and M. College.

Action for the providing of holding of Industrial Institutes in each county of the state each year.

Roads.

Action providing for a system of pikes or graded dirt roads to connect every county seat in the state. The state and county to share equally in the expense of building the roads, and the state to employ a road expert to work with the county boards in laying out and constructing the roads.

Forestry.

Action regulating the cutting and care of forests, and providing for the purchase by the state of forest preserves on the headwaters of the chief rivers of the state.

Law and Order.

Action making the carrying of concealed weapons, and the sale of intoxicating liquors in local option territory a felony.

Death of Dr. Mayo.

News has just been received of the death of Rev. A. D. Mayo, LL.D., special lecturer on education of Berea College, which occurred yesterday at his home in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Mayo was an invaluable friend of Berea College and knew more about education in the United States than did any other person.

A sketch of his life and of his services to Berea College and the general cause of education will appear in next week's Citizen.

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Forty Copies.

"Gentlemen:—Please send me forty copies of your paper and order blanks at once." That was what a postal card said that came to The Citizen office this week from a lady who expects to make some money by getting subscribers for The Citizen, and she'll do it too,—they all do when they start out in a business like way, because the paper is something that the people want as soon as they know what it is, and the premiums that are worth almost a year's subscription make a bargain that appeals to the shrewd mountaineer. One student who went home a few days ago sent in three subscriptions a few days later. He is going to send some more. One man started out one morning and by noon of the next day had twelve new subscribers. Another man got twenty in one day. If you would like to know more about it write for the Letter to Agents.

SAN DOMINGAN TREATY

Has Been Submitted to a Committee For Examination.

San Domingo, Republic of Santo Domingo, April 8.—The new treaty between the United States and Santo Domingo, intended to replace the Dominican treaty, which has been pending before the United States senate for two years, has been referred to a committee for examination and report.

The new treaty differs from the original treaty in its simplicity, particularly in the matter of substituting bonds to be delivered to the international creditors of Santo Domingo instead of requiring them to await the payment of small installments of their money from the Dominican customs receipts. The total bond issue is considerably less than \$20,000,000, a reduction of about one-half from the original claims. The bonds will run for fifty years, but it is provided that at the expiration of ten years they may be redeemed at 102½.

CONSPIRACY TO DEFAUD

This Is Charge Against Men Involved In Insurance Deal.

Baltimore, Md., April 8.—Walter A. Mason, formerly president of the Commercial and Farmers' National bank of this city, and national bank examiner, and Olin Bryan, formerly city solicitor, and more recently president of the United Surety company, have been indicted by the grand jury on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the Munich Reinsurance company of \$49,950 in March, 1906. The case is the outgrowth of alleged misrepresentations by Mason and Bryan to the insurance company relative to the capital stock of the United Surety company. It is charged that the capital stock was represented as fully paid up when this was not the case.

BEAT US TO IT

Canada Gets Big Herd of Bison That Roosevelt Wanted.

Denver, Col., April 8.—Howard Eaton of Wolf, Mont. announces that the herd of between 400 and 500 bison, owned by Michael Pablo, at the Flat-head reservation, 35 miles west of Missoula, Mont., is about to pass into possession of the Canadian government, to which Pablo has given an option for the purchase of the animals. Some time ago Eaton secured an option on the herd at \$300 a head and presented it to the United States government. President Roosevelt was anxious to close the deal, but no appropriation was made available.

A LEGACY OR A LAWSUIT?

Many an heir has had serious occasion to wonder which he had inherited.

Any man who has worked hard to accumulate property for the benefit of his family ought to make a will, and name this Company as Executor. By so doing he will avoid the dangers of an individual executor, who may die, or who may neglect or mismanage the estate. The responsibility of this Company, its perpetual corporate existence, and its experience make it an ideal executor.

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Relief Needed Until June.

The following cablegram was received a few days ago from Rev. J. F. McCrear chairman of the Relief Committee in Chingkiang, China.

Chingkiang, March 31.

Klopsch, Christian Herald:
Relief work saving many but totally inadequate. Thousands are perishing. Missionaries in the famine area are unanimous as to urgent need of relief until June.
McCREAR.



Destitute Chinamen Working Under Missionary's Supervision.

The latest gifts which have come to The Citizen for this fund are \$3.00 from one of the College Sunday School classes and \$1.50 from Mrs. A. L. Lawrence, Unicoi, Tenn. This makes \$38.50 which has been sent to save the starving in China, from readers of The Citizen. It is a good sum, but has been given by only a few people. Are there not others who would like to follow the example of the "good Samaritan" and actually save the lives of some fellow mortals with the little money they can spare?